

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2397
ANSWERED ON:06.08.2003
CENTRAL MOTOR VEHICLES RULES
MANSINH PATEL;RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether it has been provided under the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 that registration letters should be in English and numerals in Arabic;
- (b) whether the said provision tantamounts to step motherly treatment with the official language, Hindi and local languages as well; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the efforts made to amend the said provision alongwith the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK]

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): No, Sir. Vehicles registered in a State/ UT can ply throughout the country. Due to diversity of languages in the country and also the fact that the working language in different States/UTs is different, the existing system of writing letters of registration mark in English and the figures in Arabic numerals is the best possible option. Use of an additional registration plate displaying letters in any other Indian language mentioned in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution has already been permitted by the Government vide notification No.S.O.827 (E) dated 11.11.1992.